

May 11, 1950

## Mrs. John Whiteaker

Mrs. John W. Whiteaker, 53, passed away very unexpectedly last Thursday morning from a heart ailment at her home in Aberdeen.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 p. m., at the Paetznick Funeral Home, with the Rev. L. C. Benson officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

Pallbearers were Calvin Morrill, Ewald Kuchnert, Phil Holcomb, Alfred Roetelle, W. R. Preston and Mr. Petruske of Aberdeen.

Edith E. Mereness, daughter of John and Mattie Mereness, was born Dec. 23, 1896, near Verdon, S. D. On October 1, 1919, she was united in marriage to John Whiteaker. To this union three children were born. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteaker resided in the Verdon vicinity until two years ago, when they moved to Aberdeen. Mrs. Whiteaker was a member and Past Noble Grand of the Rebekah lodge of Groton.

Immediate survivors include her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Sherwood Blottert of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Conrad Engstrom, Jr., of Aberdeen; one son, Leslie, of Stratford; one grandson; her aged mother, Mrs. Mattie Mereness of Conde; a brother, Oren Mereness of Verdon; a sister, Mrs. John Bymers of Verdon, besides numerous other relatives and friends.

Those from out-of-town attending the last rites were: Wm. Mereness, of Redfield; Mrs. S. Gorden, DeSmet; Mrs. Conrad Engstrom, Sr., of Wau-bay; Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Blottert of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Engstrom, Jr., of Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Oren Mereness and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bymers and family of Verdon; Mrs. Mattie Mereness and Dale Flatten of Conde; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bonn and daughters of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Severance of Aberdeen.